



March 2022

CHANNAHON
MINOOKA
Chamber & Chamber
A Division of Grundy County Chamber of Commerce

GRUNDY COUNTY
of COMMERCE

Courier

Celebrating Anniversaries

Congratulations to the following businesses celebrating a milestone:

Chamlin & Associates

70 Years

D Construction

40 Years

CIBC – Channahon

35 Years

Jimmy John's Channahon

20 Years

Complete Comfort Dental

10 years

Morris Building & Loan

5 Years

Please remember, to keep your information up to date we need your help. Contact the Chamber (admin@grundychamber.com) with the date you opened your business.



Save the Date

Aug. 25, 2022

Morris, IL

Presenting Sponsors:



The Grundy County Chamber of Commerce & Industry is celebrating 75 years of building, connecting and engaging our business community!

We want to celebrate with our members who have been with us for three-quarters of a century, to the ones who have been with us for three days. Please save the date for a celebration the evening of Thursday, Aug. 25.

We throw a lot of events, we know. Some are family-focused, others center around networking, and all showcase our members. This one will be a bash for the books! A time to celebrate 75 years of businesses like yours working together for our local economy and commerce.

Details and invitations will follow soon. Sponsorship opportunities are available. Contact us at info@grundychamber.com and visit grundychamber.com for more info.

Bí linn (Join Us) for Coffee & Company



TUESDAY, MARCH 15

8-9A.M

837 S. RIDGE RD., MINOOKA

Come enjoy hot coffee and good company while hearing all about how Megan can assist you with your insurance needs!

*Free to Attend
*Leprechauns Welcome



CONNECT@4

(Formerly Business After Hours)

THURSDAY, MARCH 24
4-6 P.M.

SUNSHINE GARDEN CENTER/
THE FLOWER ROOM
2850 E. DIVISION ST., DIAMOND
FREE TO ATTEND

Join us at the Grundy Chamber's first Connect@4 of 2022! An end-of-day networking event to meet new customers and nurture relationships with existing clients. Come meet new people, have some snacks & drinks, and win a prize! Sunshine Garden Center & The Flower Room will have all you need for Spring!

*Note time change and don't forget your business cards!

YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO ATTEND THE

CHAMBER & GEDC

Annual Dinner

W E D N E S D A Y

MAY 4 2022

5 P.M. SOCIAL HOUR

6 P.M. DINNER

7 P.M. AWARDS

Morris Country Club

2615 WEST ROUTE 6
MORRIS IL 60450

\$50 PER PERSON
\$600 TABLE SPONSORSHIP FOR 10
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RSVP BY APRIL 27

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From the President & CEO's Desk

The Grundy County Chamber and the Channahon Minooka Chamber are *all in* again for 2022. *Chambers All In for Economic Recovery* joins about 50 chambers across the state to work together to call upon legislators to prioritize economic relief.

Our message is that economic recovery must be a top priority for the business community. As we hit the second anniversary of the pandemic's declaration with continued efforts against COVID-19, unintended consequences for the effort to stop the spread of COVID-19 have surmounted and they risk permanently stunting the prosperity of Illinois' businesses.

If enacted, the following items will help bolster a business bottom line and allow for continued growth and investment in Illinois.

- Restructure the Minimum Wage Credit's incremental phase-out to allow small businesses to capture the original intent of the credit. (HB 5320 filed and hearing held)
- Utilize American Rescue Plan Act funding to help replenish the unemployment trust fund alleviate the impending financial drain from the state's businesses.
- Provide legal protections to employers who follow the CDC established safety guidelines from claims that COVID-19 was contracted at the place of business.
- Extend the EDGE credit sunset clause out for another 10 years and utilize the tax credit as an incentive to attract new businesses to the state and allow for the growth and development of existing companies.

In addition to the items above, *Chambers All In for Economic Recovery* calls for collaborative solutions to the state's ongoing workforce challenges. The coalition recognizes the importance of having a ready, willing and skilled workforce for the future of our state's economy. We call on the state to develop innovative programs, support pilot programs, invest in K-12 career awareness programming and assist in scaling successful workforce programs for other communities and industries. We urge Illinois legislators to create an environment and funding models that allow the private sector to drive the training demand for employers.

Chambers All In for Economic Recovery will monitor legislative activities for items that specifically support economic recovery or may hinder ongoing recovery efforts. The coalition may act in such cases to bolster support or join in opposition.

If you or your business wants to learn more on the *Chambers All in for Economic Recovery* platform, please contact me. As always, we are so grateful for all of your support.

-Christina Van Yperen

A handwritten signature in blue ink, likely belonging to Christina Van Yperen.

New Date:

**Saturday, April
30**

**Minooka
Community High
School**

**301 S. Wabena
Ave.
Minooka, IL**



It's not too late to get signed up as a vendor for Family Fest! See insert for details.

Member News & Briefs

The **Village of Channahon** will hold its State of the Village Address Breakfast from 8-10 a.m. on April 14 at the Four Rivers Environmental Education Center, 25055 S Walnut Lane, Channahon. Tickets are \$35. To register or for more info visit Channahon.org.

Wilkinson Chiropractic now has a luxurious, high-tech massage chair with 38 different settings, including heat and sounds. It offers a soothing and convenient hands-off experience. For \$20, you receive 30 minutes of massage, scheduled in 45-minute time slots to allow time to clean to your preference. Visit www.drphilwilkinson.com for more info.

The **Grundy County Housing Authority** has apartments open at Gardner Village Commons. All apartments are 1 bedroom. Applicants must have income less than 80% of the area median household income (\$50,600 for a 1 person household or \$57,800 for a 2 person) and be 55 or older. Residents currently pay \$730 a month in rent which includes electricity, natural gas, water, sewer, and garbage. For more info visit

<https://gcha.vip/index.php/find-help/our-homes/gardner-village-commons>.

The **Joliet Slammers** have signed former big-league pitcher Dan Schlereth as the team's new Field Manager. The Joliet Slammers will begin their season on Thursday, May 12 and celebrate their home opener on Friday, May 13. To see the full season, get your tickets, and learn more, visit www.jolietsslammers.com or call 815-722-BATS.

Join the inaugural St. Patrick's Day Parade in downtown Morris at 3 p.m. on Saturday, March 12. No entry fee. Contact Lois Darlington of **Clayton's** at 815-791-3043 to participate. The **Morris Retail Association** is also hosting Shop Lucky, Shop Morris from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. in downtown Morris March 12. Participating shops will have scratch off cards for every purchase and each shop has 1 winner. Search Shop Lucky, Shop Morris on Facebook for more info.

Got news to share? Let us know at info@grundychamber.com

Welcome new members!

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Oak Brook, IL 60563
Corporate.comcast.com

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7065 Highland Drive
Morris, IL 60450
www.belfor.com/en/us

Belfor Property Restoration is a property restoration company restoring more than just property! They deal with both commercial and residential properties.

Morris BBQ Association (815) 791-8333
Morris, IL 60450
www.morrisbbqassociation.com

The Morris BBQ Association is a nonprofit organization dedicated to raising support for local charities.

Save the date for the first annual Rhythm & BBQ Festival by the Morris BBQ Association on Saturday, June 18. 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. at Goold Park in Morris. BBQ and other food vendors will be on hand and local bands will play from 10:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Don't forget new members, and all our members, can accept Grundy County Chamber gift certificates!

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- No minimum balance (select accounts)



*Fees may include NSF fees, inactivity fees and interest on overdrafts.





YOU'RE INVITED

MINOOKA STATE OF THE VILLAGE LUNCHEON

Join the Chamber and the Village of Minooka for the annual State of the Village Address. Village President Ric Offerman will give an update on what is happening in Minooka and share why so many call Minooka a great place to call home!

Minooka Village Hall Community Room

April 5, 2022

11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

121 McEvilly Road, Minooka

**The cost is \$30, please RSVP to Events Director
Amanda Hiller at
amanda@grundychamber.com.
Registration is required in advance.**

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